



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:00P.M. – 5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Ardern, Rhonda Ball, Dr. Kent Paul Barrabee, Mark DeWeerd, Betty Elasowich, Richard Elias, Tom Ellis, George Favela, Nicole Haan, Raul Nido, Dr. Mari Helen High, Jo Riester, Jo Ann Sayre, Dr. Jay St. John, Lisa Silveiro, Molly Tylutki, Pat Wiedhopf.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward Nossem, Fran Embrey Senechal, Jaymie Jacobs, Dr. Robert Breault, Paul Lovelis, Joshua Enos, Alexis Enos.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. LOUIS ALBERT

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AUGUST, 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL ARDERN

ASSETS:

Current Assets:	\$140,578.45
Fixed Assets:	<u>1,619.84</u>
Total Assets:	142,198.29

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Current Liabilities:	\$ 16,000.01
Total Equity:	<u>126,198.28</u>
Total L & E:	142,198.29

Motion to approve April 2009 Financial Report: Dr. Jay St. John

Second: George Favela

Motion carried 18 to 0.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2009 MEETING MINUTES – GEORGE FAVELA

Motion to Approve the August 8, 2009 MEC Meeting (MEC Retreat) Minutes:

Rhonda Ball

Second: George Favela

Motion carried 18 to 0.

4.0 REGIONAL COLLEGE ACCESS CENTER – GEORGE FAVELA & KARLA GARCIA (George Favela presenting for Karla Garcia)

Ed Nossem represented the RCAC at Sahuarita High School's College Night on September 15, 2009. There were about 150 students and parents in attendance, and interest in the RCAC was high; many of the students already had College Tool Kit website accounts. Ed also represented the MEC & RCAC at an exhibitors' table at the Tucson Chamber of Commerce State of Education Luncheon, along with Key to Employment Symposium Coordinator Steve Peters. Over 300 people attended this event and, again, interest in the RCAC was high.

Lisa Silveiro related that Ward 6 Council Member Nina Trasoff praised both the MEC and the RCAC at the last City Council meeting. Dr. Kent Barabee suggested that we should request that Ms. Trasoff videotape a testimonial praising the MEC and the RCAC's accomplishments for the media.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

As stated in the September Executive Directors Report, the MEC has requests for a number of grants and funds besides the City, County, and State funds already in place. This creates a multiplier effect, as well as a leveraging effect – potentially drawing funding in from numerous sources.

5.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon –Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The 20th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, April 30, 2009, at the Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino. Congressman Raul Grijalva will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Commissioners are requested to secure at least 1 table for the event.

5.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

Jo Ann Sayre has been nominated to replace Sister Rosa Maria Ruiz, whose term has expired, to represent Accredited Private Institutions on the MEC.

Motion to approve: Dr. Jay St. John

Second: Betty Elasowich

Motion carried 18-0.

5.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

The YAC/TTC is recruiting for 2009-2010, and has 11 members at present. The online application has no deadline, so members will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Work will start with the next YAC/TTC meeting, in October, when new members will be inducted.

5.5 Issues – George Favela

As part of the MEC's 20th Anniversary Celebration, a 20th Anniversary Committee has been formed, and a sign-up sheet for the Committee was circulated – we now have 13 members on the Committee.

There was general discussion about the issues facing the MEC; Richard Elias urged the MEC to maintain a strong public face in a meaningful way; there are serious budget concerns on the horizon and it is important to keep the MEC, its programs, and its successes visible. The RCAC numbers and statistics are impressive; Mr. Elias recommended adding a "human" dimension to these

statistics by relating success stories such as the mother-daughter story that we have presented at the Crystal Apple Awards and elsewhere. The MEC's 20th Anniversary Celebration activities are a good opportunity for the Commission to do this. For example, we should document how school counselors are using the RCAC, and get an assessment of how and why they are using the service. Dr. Albert added that we should demonstrate why a public investment in the MEC and RCAC is good for the community; providing excellent services to the community at a very low cost.

Dr. Albert then requested each Commissioner to introduce themselves and state which constituencies they represent, and comment on the MEC, their role in it, and its effect on themselves, their constituencies, and the community. This proved especially useful for the newest Commissioners, who are as yet unfamiliar with some of the other Commissioners personally and are still learning about the MEC. All Commissioners stated that they find their work with the MEC personally rewarding and an invaluable aid in their particular fields, due in part to the connections made and maintained with the community. There was also discussion about the problems we face and possible solutions thereto.

6.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Raul Nido

Second: George Favela

The motion passed 18-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

